(b) and (c) As ascertained from the Planning Commission, the Criteria to identify the people living below poverty line was recently modified, as per the new official methodology, and is based on the State specific poverty lines using State-specific price indices and inter-State prices differential. There is no proposal to modify the norms of defining poverty line since it is based on the recommendations of the leading experts in the country. However, the poverty line at the national and State levels are continuously reviewed for changes in prices.

Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation Programmes in N.E. Region

86. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance released for urban employment and poverty alleviation programmes in the North East Region during the Eighth Five Year Plan and the amount to be released during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries from this programme; State-wise?

The Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIA): (a) & (b) This Ministry was implementing Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) during the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97). These three Schemes have been replaed by a unified programme called the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 1.12.1997. Central funds released and physical progress made under NRY, UBSP and PMIUPEP during 8th Five Year Plan to N.E. State are given in Annexure *[See Appendix 188, Annexure no. 2].* Central funds released and physical progress made under SJSRY during 9th Five Year Plan by N.E. States so far are given in statement. *{See* below) This is as per the reports of the respective State Governments.

Statement

Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) 9th Five Year Plan (from 01.12.1997 to 30.09.1999)

Name of the State	Central funds released for self employment and wage employment under NRY & PMIUPEP	Central funds released under UBSP	Persons assisted for self employment under NRY & PMIUPEP	Persons trained for self employment under NRY & PMIUPEP	Mandays generated for wage employ-ment under NRY & PMIUPEP (in lakhs)	Bene fici-aries under UBSP
Arunachal Pradesh	79.81	22.00	NR	NR	1.04	NR
Assam	716.89	213.25	NR	NR	NR	24
Manipur	165.46	48.25	NR	NR	NR	NR
Meghalaya	110.30	17.80	NR	NR	0.25	NR
Mizoram	85.97	23.80	978	466	0.92	40
Nagaland	85.74	22.00	NR	NR	0.27	NR
Tripura	137.87	33.80	21	525	1.50	6

NR: Not Reported